

What is claimed is:

1. A method, comprising:

receiving status signals with a portable device from a wearable device worn by a  
5 person, wherein the status signals indicate operational status of the wearable device,  
wherein the operational status includes an indication of whether the person has tampered  
with the wearable device;

determining location of the portable device;

transmitting messages from the portable device to a monitoring system via a  
10 wireless telephone network, wherein the messages include the location of the portable  
device and the operational status of the wearable device; and

adjusting transmission rate of the encrypted messages from the portable device to  
the monitoring system by reducing the transmission rate when the portable device is  
within a specified region and increasing the transmission rate when the portable device is  
15 outside the specified region.

2. The method of claim 1, further comprising:

determining the portable device has remained in the specified region for a  
specified period of time before said adjusting; and

20 sending a signal to the monitoring system designating the specified region as  
permitting as a reduction in the transmission rate.

3. The method of claim 1, further comprising receiving a signal from the monitoring system designating the specified region before said adjusting.

4. The method of claim 1, wherein said determining the location of the portable device includes triangulating position of the portable device in relation to the wireless telephone network.

5. The method of claim 4, said determining the location of the portable device includes determining the position based on signals received from a global positioning system.

6. The method of claim 1, further comprising alerting the monitoring system when the status signals are not received from the portable device.

7. A method, comprising:  
storing a specified region in a monitoring system and a portable device possessed by a monitored person;  
receiving messages at a monitoring system from the portable device via a wireless telephone network, wherein the messages include location of the portable device;  
adjusting allowable time between the messages from the portable device by increasing the allowable time between the messages when the portable device is within

the specified region and decreasing the allowable time between the messages when the portable device is outside the specified region; and

alerting a law enforcement official of a violation, wherein the violation includes when the allowable time between the messages is exceeded.

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8. The method of claim 7, further comprising:

determining the location of the portable device is in a restricted zone; and

alerting the law enforcement official in response to said determining.

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9. The method of claim 7, further comprising:

determining the location of the portable device is violation of a restraining order for an individual; and

alerting the individual of the violation of the restraining order and the location of the portable device.

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10. The method of claim 7, wherein said alerting includes sending an alert message via the wireless network to a law enforcement portable device that is possessed by the law enforcement official.

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11. The method of claim 10, wherein:

the law enforcement portable device includes a cellular telephone operable to communicate directly with the portable device of the monitored person; and

communicating directly between the law enforcement portable device and the portable device of the monitored person.

12. A system, comprising:

5 a processor operable to receive messages containing location of a portable device in possession of a monitored person via a wireless telephone network;

memory operatively coupled to said processor, said memory being operable to store rules pertaining to said monitored person, wherein the rules include an allowable time between the messages and a designated area in which the allowable time between

10 the messages is increased;

wherein said processor is operable to increase the allowable time between the messages when the portable device is located in the designated area; and

wherein said processor is operable to alert an individual when the portable device violates at least one of the rules in said memory.

15 13. The system of claim 12, wherein:

said memory is operable store a restricted area for the monitored person, wherein the rules include the restricted area; and

said processor is operable to alert the individual when the portable device is  
20 located inside the restricted area.

14. The system of claim 13, wherein the individual includes a law enforcement officer, the monitored person includes a parolee and the restricted area is based on parole requirement of the parolee.

5 15. The system of claim 13, further comprising:  
the wireless telephone network operatively coupled to the processor;  
the portable device operatively coupled to the wireless telephone network;  
a device possessed by the individual and operatively coupled to the wireless  
telephone network; and

10 wherein said processor is operable to determine location of the individual based on messages received from said device possessed by the individual.

16. The system of claim 15, wherein the individual includes a person having a restraining order against the monitored person and the restricted area is based on the  
15 restraining order.

17. The system of claim 15, further comprising a publicly accessible computer network operatively coupled between the wireless telephone network and said processor, said computer network being operable to convey the encrypted messages.